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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

5:30 pm Saturday evenings
8 am Sunday mornings
9:30 am Sunday mornings
11 am Sunday mornings

Christian Education Hour

Sunday mornings 9:30 to 10:30
All-Ages Sunday School / Bible Study

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A few words from the pastor...

"Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it." Hebrews 13:2

Pastor's Perspective

1) On our Wednesday Night Live (WNL) ministry... Beginning Sept 12th all youth & families are invited to join us for supper each Wednesday 5:30—6:00pm. This is a great fellowship opportunity! **Something new this year is that pizza will be provided!** We're just asking for a modest free will donation of $2. What a deal!

Thank you for entrusting your kids to us on Wednesdays for **confirmation and children's ministry (6:00-7:00)**! It's an honor and a privilege to be a part of shaping and encouraging their faith. As you can imagine, it requires a "team effort" on our part, and if you can help in any way, please let us know. Although we've been blessed with an outstanding team of volunteers, we can always use more help with teaching, drama, singing, feeding, crafts, games and "crowd" control… ha!

Also, there will be TWO worship services every Wednesday at 7:00… Spread the word! It is a thrill to hear our young people sing and pray. We're blessed to often have Lucas leading the "Confirmation WNL Worship" (parents welcome!) and Diane leading the "Children's WNL Worship" with some of our Leap of Faith worship team. Especially if you missed the weekend services or if you expect to miss the weekend worship services, come join us for **Wednesday worship!** Come grow with us!

2) On our core values…**and our hospitality….**Hopefully most visitors can spot our core values readily! "To be a church that is: 1) Bible-centered; 2) Prayer-centered; 3) Worship-centered with an inspirational blend; 4) Kid-friendly; 5) Visitor-friendly; 6) A model of the Priesthood of believers; 7) A model of first-fruits giving." That's us, don't you think? Mostly…but you know what? Lately, I've had to confront the uncomfortable truth that as we grow, it may be harder for newer families to "break in" and feel at home than perhaps in the past when we were a smaller church. Please join me in reaching out to those who might be new in our midst…inviting them to Sunday school or to Bible study or the next fellowship event that you are aware of from the bulletin…or to join your table for Wednesday suppers. *"Do not forget to entertain strangers…"*

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Mark Your Calendars

There's something for everyone in the family this month at Faith!

9.3
Labor Day - Office Closed

9.5
Growing Through Grief Group
Confirmation Orientation

9.9
Ministry Fair
The Den Gathering

9.11
Council Meeting

9.12
Growing Through Grief Group
Children's Hand Bells Begins
Wednesday Night Live Begins
Adult Hand Bells Begins

9.15
Saturday @ Scott 'n' Stacie's

9.16
Education Rally Sunday

9:19
Growing Through Grief Group

9.21
Confirmation Retreat

9.22
Muck Wars

9.23
Connect Groups Start
Leap of Faith First Rehearsal

9.30
Liena Apsukrapsa Ordination

God has uniquely gifted YOU! We have all received spiritual gifts from the Holy Spirit. This class will help you understand the gifts that God has given you and how you best serve and where you are called to serve!

Plan ahead…

The Spiritual Gifts class will be offered again in October.

Saturday, October 20, 2012 – 9:00 – 3:00 PM

~OR~

Saturday, October 27, 2012 – 9:00 – 3:00 PM

You can complete the class on either 10/20 or 10/27 or if you prefer, you can attend from 9-noon on 10/20 and noon to 3:00 on 10/27.

For more information, contact Gloria Borcher (gloria@fclc.org or 720-864-8221)

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED…and begins on 9/9/12!

Pastor's Perspective Continued...

3) On my cold hands…on Sunday mornings, new people often say; "Your hands are cold!" Yup; that's part of what adrenalin does. Some people get "sweaty palms," but I get cold hands. Psalm 139:14 says, *"I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made…"* Adrenalin prepares us for "fight or flight." Sunday mornings are not a "fight" for me, but certainly I'm "fighting" for the gospel and "fighting" to give my best. Similarly, athletes try to get "pumped up" for the game because they know that adrenalin helps them "fight" to score first and "battle" to win. Perhaps you know people who are "adrenalin junkies" who are always racing & pushing their limits. Here's the bummer; too much adrenalin stresses our bodies, so rest is important. Interestingly, adrenalin often leaves an emotional "hangover" where we might feel "blue" and maybe we're not quite sure why. Basically, it's our body's way of signaling that it's time to rest. Indeed, in Psalm 46:10 God says, *"Be still and know that I am God."*

4) On "New Groups: big & small... In our July newsletter, I mentioned some "staff transitions" with Jay Harper as our new "Custodian" and Bob Kaiser as our new "Property Manager." Additionally, just a friendly reminder that Tanja, our "Director of Communications," is now in charge of both the **bulletin & newsletter**, and Stacia, our "Office Manager," is now in charge of all our "Church Records" which includes contact information for "FC Online."

Here's the latest; Nanette's "plate" has become more than full with the growth of our children's ministry & education, so the Fellowship Committee will now team with staff and volunteers in developing **"New Groups: big & small..."** working with various fellowship groups such as Young Adults, Men & Women's ministry groups, etc. If you have any suggestions for new groups; "bring it on!"

5) On a vision for our future…Two big moves are looming before us: 1) Our call process for a 2nd ordained Lutheran pastor. It is not easy for me admit this, but as fantastic as our staff is, I can clearly see the need at this point for a 2nd ordained Lutheran pastor - especially with Brit leaving for a new ministry in Wisconsin. Although one of our core values is that we are the "Priesthood of all believers," and although we have a wonderful team of Stephen ministers, I think we would all feel a bit more secure to have a 2nd Lutheran pastor to assist with the sacraments, weddings, baptisms, etc. I believe we will be looking for someone who has a passion for our core values, someone who can continue to help us attract young adults & young families, and I think it would really "frosting on the cake" to find someone who has a bit of a "business" background and can assist our Management Team.

2) A second BIG move before us is our future building expansion. As I mentioned after Easter, we've leveled off in our Easter attendance since 2006, so this year we'll need to figure out a way to have 4 Easter services. All 4 of Christmas Eve services were full last year. Furthermore, our weekend services schedule is a bit of a grind. We really can't handle BIG funerals and twice we've had to work with Lifebridge in that regard. Therefore, at council earlier this summer I shared that I believe it is time to start thinking about a major capital fund drive either the Fall of 2013 or the Fall of 2014. January 1, 2014 will be my 25th anniversary here! Perhaps expansion, at that, is a signal that we believe *"greater things are yet to come…"*

It's an exciting time in our ministry!

Your Partner in Ministry,
Pastor Dan

Average Attendance for August 2012

2012 Weekend Worship Average	549
2011 Weekend Worship	549

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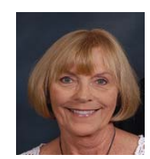

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Love and Logic Seminar

October 11, 18, 25
November 1, & 8
5 weekly sessions
6:30-8:00 P.M.
Teri Hassa
and Judy Mohrman, Facilitators

Make Early Childhood Parenting Fun!

A five session parenting program designed by Love and Logic.
Find Answers to:
Raising responsible children who feel great about themselves; using empathy to neutralize arguing; the two rules of Love and Logic, how to get children to do chores, plus lots more.

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Find Answers to: Raising responsible children who feel great about themselves; using empathy to neutralize arguing; the two rules of Love and Logic, how to get children to do chores, plus lots more.

When: Thursdays, October 11th, 18th, 25th, November 1st and 8th 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Where: Faith Community Lutheran Church, 9775 Ute Highway, Longmont, CO 80504

Instructors: Teri Hassa and Judy Mohrman

Cost: $50.00. If a couple would like to attend and share a workbook, the cost is still just $50.00. *Please, no more than two people per workbook.*

Childcare: Will be available from 6:15-8:15 p.m. The cost is $3.00 per hour/per child.

To register, fill out the bottom portion of this form, tear on the dotted line. ***Make check payable to "Teri Hassa" in the amount of $50.00.*** Mail or return registration form and check to FCLC.

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Please register me/us for your upcoming *Love and Logic Early Childhood Parenting Made Fun!*

Name: ____

Address: ____

City: ____________________ State:_____________ Zip: _______________

Phone: ____________________ E-mail: ___________________________

Number and ages of children for childcare: ___________________________

Mail/return this registration and payment to:
Faith Community Lutheran Church
9775 Ute Highway
Longmont, CO 80504
Attention: Teri Hassa, *Love & Logic*
Class limited to 20 participants. Register by September 21, 2012!

Rays Of SONLight Ministry Fair

Plan to attend the Ministry Fair and learn about the many ways that the ministries of Faith Community are shining bright for Jesus and reflecting His light within the church as well as outside the church!

All Ministry groups will be represented:

Christian Education, Congregational Care, Fellowship, Outreach, Property, Stewardship, Worship & Arts and Youth as well as the Council Leaders.

You'll be amazed at how much is happening in each ministry, and you might find an area in which you want to serve!

Mark it on your calendar NOW!

Saturday, 9/8/12 – 5:00pm to 7:00pm
Sunday, 9/9/12 – 8:00am to 1:00pm

Be ENLIGHTENED & have FUN at the same time!

Information, Fellowship, Games, Food, Prizes

Wednesday Night Live is Back!

Children's Bell Choir: 5pm – 5.30pm
Family Pizza Dinner: 5.30pm – 6pm
Ages Pre-K - 8th Grade:
Family Devotions: 6pm – 7pm
KICS (Kids in Christ): 6pm – 7.15pm
Confirmation: 6pm – 7.15pm

Adult Education:
LifeTree: 6pm – 7pm
Bible Studies:
Men's & Women's 6pm – 7pm
Men's 7pm – 8pm
Adult Bell Choir: 6:30pm – 7:30pm

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Spirit of Joy Choir

will rehearse on Thursdays this year, beginning at 6:55pm. Deb Morneau is looking for more tenors to sing with this group! All are welcome, but we really need tenors. Please contact Deb (303) 774 0489 for more information about Spirit of Joy. This Choir sings every Sunday alternating between the 8am and the 11am services.

"The Grace Notes"

Faith's new women's choir, directed by Pam Busboom, would love to have you join them! This group will sing quarterly with limited commitment of 2 to 3 rehearsals per singing commitment. They will be working together after Labor Day on music for November and December worship services.
Contact Pam Busboom at 970 532 2165.

Leap of Faith

Youth Worship Team

will lead worship for the first time October 6-7th. Mark your calendars for rehearsals on Sunday nights September 23 and 30th, with the band gathering at 5:30pm and the vocals at 6:15pm.
"Our God's Not Dead" by Newsboys and "Live Like That" by Sidewalk Prophets are just a couple of the new songs that this team will be working on together.
All incoming 6th graders are welcome to join us on September 23rd! Contact Diane Sell for questions 303 489 2923.

Spirit of Joy would like to invite you to join them in performing this year's Christmas Cantata, "Sing Gloria!" Rehearsals for this FC musical tradition will be from 8:00 – 8:30pm on Thursdays to lead worship the weekend of December 15th.

Adult Hand bell Choir

Steve Hakes will be directing this group which will rehearse on Wednesday nights from 6:30pm to 7:30pm beginning September 12th, and will perform in worship this fall. We have close to 10 members signed up already and Steve says he could always use some more willing volunteers! The bells arrived "on loan" from Mount Zion Lutheran in Boulder. We have Doris and A.C. Harms (Greg Harms' parents) to thank for this beautiful 3 octave set!

Are you interested in being a part of some Chancel drama skits this year?
All ages welcome. Contact Diane Sell

BELL TONES ARE BACK!

Bell Tones are returning for grades 2-8th on Wednesday September 12th from 5-5:30pm! Lorelei Bowman will direct this choir and they will perform in worship this fall! This is a great chance to make some music with your friends! Sign up will be at the welcome center beginning August 26th for those youth interested!

Lutherans are bred from childhood to sing in four-part harmony. It's a talent that comes from sitting on the lap of someone singing alto or tenor or bass and hearing the harmonic intervals by putting your little head against that person's rib cage. It's natural for Lutherans to sing in harmony. We're too modest to be soloists, too worldly to sing in unison. When you're singing in the key of C and you slide into the A7th and D7th chords, all two hundred of you, it's an emotionally fulfilling moment.
I once sang the bass line of Children of the Heavenly Father in a room with about three thousand Lutherans in it; and when we finished, we all had tears in our eyes, partly from the promise that God will not forsake us, partly from the proximity of all those lovely voices. By our joining in harmony, we somehow promise that we will not forsake each other. - - Garrison Keillor

Simply giving

Simply Giving is an easy and convenient method to help the church and ourselves!
Simply Giving is an automatic donation system which gives the freedom to choose how and when you donate to our church!
Simply Giving offers you the option to choose to have the donation come either directly from your bank account or from your credit card!
Simply Giving is a great way to consistently give to our church and easily track your contributions!
Simply Giving gives you the control to choose weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, semi-annually, or annual contributions which helps make budgeting easier!
Simply Giving allows you to easily change your donation amount or the frequency!
Simply Giving laminated giving cards are available in the Narthex for you to place in the offering basket!
Simply Giving is easy to sign up for! You can either sign up online through MyFConline, or by using the link: https://fclc.ccbchurch.com/login.php and choose the **"Give"** tab after you log in, or fill out the simply giving form available in the Narthex. Drop it off at Susan Moller's office, and she would be happy to take care of it for you.

Simply Giving! Sign up today!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Can you believe it? *1000 SHAWLS* have been prayerfully and lovingly created since this ministry started at Faith Community just 5 years ago! 1000 Shawls providing God's love and comfort to people going through a tough time!

Could you or someone you know use a prayer shawl?
If so, contact the church office. The shawls are available to anyone ... at no cost.

Want to be involved in prayer shawl ministry?
Shawls are created at home at whatever time is convenient for you. The group gathers once a month on the 4th Monday at 9:30 am in Room 230 (Sunset Room) to check in the shawls and pray.
All are welcome!

Treasurer's Report through July 31, 2012

	2012	2011	2010
General Offering YTD	$566,113	$497,050	$472,214
Expenses YTD	$546,157	$485,578	$473,207
Budget YTD	$561,006	$568,750	$542,822

ENDOWMENT GRANTS FOR 2012

January grant awards

A Woman's Work: $1,250

To support outgoing grant funds for assistance within the Longmont community

Habitat for Humanity: $4,000

For Thrivent Builds program/ Cardenas family home in Longmont

Vinelife: $7,500

For various new missions ministry projects in Mexico

Friends of Orphans and Vulnerable Children: $10,000

To build a feeding center in Dale, Ethiopia for the orphan children

Building of Latvia Church: $4,500 (see photos)

For restoration and rebuilding of Bukaisi Evangelical Lutheran Church in Latvia

TOTAL awarded: $27,250

Photos of Bukaisi Evangelical Lutheran Church

July grant awards

Ben Mason seminary: $5,500

For tuition at Luther Seminary for 2012/2013

Father to the Fatherless/Anne Dean: $5,000

To purchase a brick making machine for several projects in Mityana, Uganda

Developing Hands: $750

To support the building of a school in Nepal for the children who live in the streets

Crossroads School: $1,500

To purchase curriculum for alterntive learners at this faith-based Longmont school.

TOTAL awarded: $12,750

GRAND TOTAL 2012 AWARDS: $40,000

EVANGELISM FOR GOD'S GLORY

NOT TO US, O LORD, BUT TO YOU GOES ALL THE GLORY FOR YOUR UNFAILING LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS. PSALM 115:1

OUR OUTREACH DOLLARS AT WORK

For those who have not had an opportunity to speak with Michael Sell personally since his return from a three-week mission trip to Tanzania, this is an excerpt from an email he sent to his parents:

First of all I am doing fine. The things we have been experiencing like home visits to HIV and AIDS victims, and the visits to the Huruma Orphanage have really tugged at people's hearts including my own. To see that child, who lives among hundreds of other children, who has no other family willing to step up to claim them for the embarrassment that their mother who died of AIDS, and who are totally oblivious that they do have a father in heaven who loves them, is an experience that is very difficult to put into words. God's plan for me seems to be very clear to me when I am here. The experiences I have had are something that will stick with me for the rest of my life, and I'm very excited to share them with Faith Community when I come home.

INVESTMENTS THAT KEEP ON GIVING

Today in this unstable economy many of us know the dilemma of deciding where to invest our savings. There are few if any rewards and no money back guarantees. "But God" (look for these two life-changing words when you are reading the Bible) has promised a no risk investment in Isaiah 55:11. We are told that His Word will not return to Him empty. That's the kind of investment we all want, right?

Outreach is no different. As we distribute the First Fruits money entrusted to us, we look at those areas where eternal value is promised. Therefore, we are launching a new ministry, FCLC Preschool Scholarship Fund, which is designed to encourage our members in raising up their children in the way they should go (Prov. 22:6). We have established a scholarship fund whereby we will provide financial assistance to those parents and legal guardians who choose to send their little children (ages 2 1/2 - 6) to a Christian preschool...one where His Word is proclaimed. This effort to win their hearts and minds for Jesus will last a lifetime and beyond. Look for applications for this support in the wall pockets in the hallway just outside the church office.

Need a Stephen Minister?

Are you going through a difficult time in your life and could use the caring Christian support and encouragement of a Stephen Minister? Please contact Janet Streed , Karla Irvin or Gloria Borcher or call the church office.

INGATHERINGS: Thank you Faith Family for your generous responses!

CRAYONS TO CALCULATORS - Fourteen filled backpacks plus additional supplies were donated to needy students in St. Vrain Valley School District.

BALL CAPS – Shekinah Christian Prison Ministry thanks FCLC for the mountain of new and nearly new ball caps donated for recently released prisoners, and we thank them for helping us clean out our closets!

BABY BOTTLES – Loose change collected for Life Choices the total amount yet to be determined. We'll let you know!

Growing Through Grief Goup

Are you dealing with the death of a loved one and could use some help walking through the grief journey? We often find support by gathering with others who are going through the same challenges. Pastor Bruce will be leading 4-week class on the journey of grief beginning on Wednesday, 8/29. The class will continue on 9/5, 9/12 & 9/19 and meets in the Fireside Room. For more information or to let us know that you plan to attend, please contact Gloria Borcher (gloria@fclc.org or 720-864-8221). Open to all!

IT TAKES A VILLAGE!

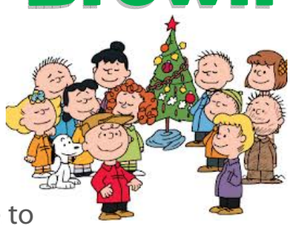
This is so true... it takes a village to raise our children, and YOU are a part of the "village" we call "Longmont." Here at Faith, we are helping our village by mentoring children at Sanborn Elementary during the school year through our Kids Hope USA program. Would you be willing to give **one hour** of time **each week** to help someone who needs your friendship? If so, please contact LaRae Schaff at 303-772-8385 or hooray4larae@gmail.com.

Freezer Meals Needed

We are in need of freezer meals to be given to people who need meals on a short-term basis during illness or recuperation from surgery. We know that we have many good cooks at FC. You can make the meal at your convenience—label the meal, detailing the contents, cooking instructions and date and then put it in the freezer that is located in the storage room across from the kitchen.

If you need meals or want to be on the list to provide meals, please contact Gloria Borcher (gloria@fclc.org or 720-864-8221).

A Charlie Brown Christmas



Help a child financially "KICS scholarship"

Some of our students are not able to pay for their $30.00 fee to be in the KICS production. If you are able to help out in this way, please do so by putting in the memo of your check: KICS scholarship. Many thanks for your generosity!

Calling all wood workers!

We are in need of the following to be built for the show! (Contact Diane Sell)

- Snoopy's dog house that a child can sit on top of!
- Free standing 4' x 6' wood structure wall painted to look like a brick wall.
- "Psychiatric Help" stand with sign that say says "the doctor is in."
- A mailbox attached to a free-standing pole.

Faith Community Lutheran Church
Cordially invites you to the
Ordination Service
For
Liena Apsukrapsa
Sunday, Sept. 30th, 2012 at 11:00am
Faith Community Lutheran Church
9775 Ute Hwy 66
Longmont, CO 80504
Reception follows

Liena Apsukrapsa was born and raised in Latvia (Eastern Europe). She grew up in the county side and still enjoys everything that healthy country living offers. While in Latvia, she was part of the great spiritual and political awakening after regaining freedom from Russian occupation in 1990. Liena and her mother opened their house for worship at that time. This was the start of her ministry. Liena received BA in Theology from Christian Academy in Latvia. She continued her education in USA. She is a graduate of Denver Seminary. Liena serves as a chaplain at Good Samaritan Medical Center in Lafayette, CO and also enjoys journeying with people in a Spiritual Direction setting. Her passions are pursuing intimacy with God, gardening, cooking, arts, outdoor activities, photography, reading, hospitality, traveling, prayer, and nurturing her friendships. Liena loves to reflect and savor different life experiences or in other words, carpe diem - **seize the day!**

"Catholic" Epistles for Lutherans

There are seven "catholic" epistles in the New Testament, or "general" letters not addressed to any specific place or person. This class will probe all of these wonderful letters in depth, verse by verse, starting with the sequel to the Gospel of John, namely the First Epistle of John. Then it's on to James, First and Second Peter, and three tiny books whose authors' names all begin with "J." Beginning September 16, in the Sunrise Room. Led by Pastor Bruce.

Rally SUNDAY

September 16
9:30-10:30 am

Lifetree Café

Join us on Sundays, 9:30-10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Come for an hour-long experience packed with interesting stories, fascinating people, and lively conversation. The main entrée is food for thought. Share your thoughts about new

The Gospel of Matthew

Join Tony and Kristy Martinez at 9:30 Sundays beginning September 16, for a Bible study on the Gospel of Matthew. Though the primary audience for Matthew was the Jews of his time, we will learn how his words apply to us today. Each week we will review the previous week's scripture and personal Bible study questions. Join us for a thoughtful and challenging exploration of our Lord Jesus Christ through the book of Matthew. Meets in Sunset Room (230).

High School & Middle School: Join us downstairs (rooms 103 & 107) for exciting Bible learning activities each week!

Preschool-5th graders: Learn about David, child of God! Discover a few familiar and maybe not so familiar Bible stories about courageous and devoted young David. Our service project this month will be creating beads for "Beads of Courage"--milestone beads used by courageous children facing life-threatening illnesses. Meet downstairs in room 126.

Confirmation students! 6th, 7th & 8th grades

Confirmation orientation for all middle school students & parents!
Wednesday, September 5, 6-7:00 pm at church. Acolyte sign-up will also take place that evening so bring your calendars.

It's Contagious! Confirmation Retreat

Plan on attending the *It's Contagious!* confirmation retreat at Highlands Camp on September 21-22. Three simple steps...talk it over with your family, write in on your calendar, and bring a check to Orientation on September 5, to reserve your spot to go to Highlands Camp (Estes Park). Travel to Highlands Camp, arriving at 5 pm on September 21. Be home in the afternoon on September 22. Cost: $40 Includes food, lodging. Led by Brit, Nanette and Lucas.

Wednesday night family devotions

In the middle of each week, does it seem as though life is becoming too hectic? Does you feel as though your children are growing up and you'd really like to take more time helping them learn about Jesus? Parents, would you like the opportunity to sit down for one hour, once a week to participate in Devotions with your preschool or kindergartener? Beginning on Wednesday, September 12, 6:00-7:00 pm, you will have that opportunity! Devotion materials, projects, supplies and a quiet place will be provided. Contact nanette@fclc.org or Cathi Brents mncbrents1@msn.com to find out more.

We Love Our Vets

Veterans connect with Veterans:

Twenty six active military men and women on our prayer chain have received a handwritten note from one of our FCLC retired vets. Included with this expression of our appreciation and concern are several small items designed to help and encourage. Check the Outreach bulletin board to see for yourself.

Ram's Horn Village, a four-star resort in Estes Park, offers special rates to veterans from November 1 - April 30 based on availability and proof of Veteran's status. Two-bedroom vacation homes are available at very reasonable rates. Even better deals are offered for active duty soldiers returning from deployment. Call 1.800.229.4676 or visit rhvresort.com. Thanks to Ralph Bozella and Jim Gates for this heads-up on a great perk for those who have served.

The Last Soldier

When the last soldier passes on,
When armies are disbanded and militias discharged,
When weapons are abandoned and armor discarded,
Your mission will, at last, be over.
For you know the soldier's secret.
Yours was not a mission of war
Nor a mission of ruin.
Yours was not a mission of destruction
Nor a mission of death.
Your mission was safety, security, protection.
Your mission was honor, loyalty, service.
Your mission was to end violence, tyranny, despair.
When the last soldier passes on,
When the uniforms are retired and the final grave filled,
We will remember all who served and sacrificed for our nation.
Until then God of Old,
Watch over our soldiers and our veterans.
Renew their courage.
Rebuild their strength.
Heal their wounds.
Bind their hearts with Your steadfast love.
Remember them,
Bless them,
Sustain them,
And give them peace. ~ Alden Solovy

Veteran's Luncheon is scheduled for November 11th, 2012, at 12:15pm.

Senior Ministry

"You shall stand up before the gray head and honor the face of an old man, and you shall fear your God:
I am the Lord. ~Leviticus 19:32

SOS (Serving Our Seniors)

We are creating a listing of the business services offered by members of our congregation. If you would like to have your business information included, please contact the church office. Please contact Sharon Kaiser for additional information.

SENIOR CARING MINISTRY

This group reaches out to some of our seniors who may be going through illness, or may be homebound. If you would be interested in joining the group and would like to help reach out and share Jesus' love with others, please contact Gloria Borcher.

In August, the group had a luncheon meeting with a guest speaker from Care Connect of Boulder County (previously RSVP). Care Connect is a volunteer organization that provides low cost & no cost care to seniors in Boulder County.

Thank you, Marilee Gruenberger, for making rice packs that can provide hot or cold comfort!

Contact Gloria or stop by the Welcome Center if you know someone who could use a little comfort.

FALLING FOR YOUTH MINISTRY

Saturday @ Scott and Stacie's

High School students, join us @ Scott and Stacie's house September 15th, 6:30-10pm for FREE PIZZA, fellowship, ping pong and foosball tournaments, Wii, and a great time of getting to know each other! You are more than welcome to bring a friend! Scott and Stacie's address is 1706 Stones Peak Dr. in Longmont.

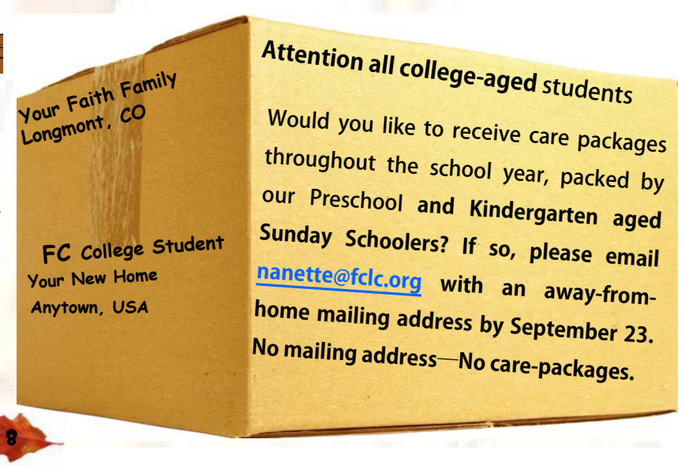
Connect Groups for High School Students Start September 23

High School students join us for the start of Connect Groups!! If you didn't come to Connect Groups last year, now is your time to start. These small groups meet on the 2nd and 4th Sunday nights of every month. We meet in leaders homes for a meal, fellowship, and a Bible study. This is a great opportunity for you to get to know people your age, and build life long relationships with your peers, and most importantly with Jesus!! Stay tuned for more details on when and where these groups will take place.

The FiLL Gathering starts Oct. 7th

High School students join us on Oct. 7th from 6:30-8pm for a night of worship, prayer, fun games and a devotion. This is a great time to come connect with Jesus and with others. We are excited to start this back up and keep it consistent. We want to offer a once-a-month worship service, where you can come and get refreshed, prayed for, and learn more about who Jesus is. As always, you are more than welcome to bring friends!!

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to partake in an epic event here at Faith Community! A couple churches, including Faith Community, are coming together from 6-8pm on **Sept. 22** for an exciting night of "messy" games!! After the messy games, we will grill hamburgers and hot dogs. Cost is $5 and all you need to bring is a change of clothes, clothes you want to throw away, and a towel. This is a great event to invite your friends to!



Attention all college-aged students

Would you like to receive care packages throughout the school year, packed by our Preschool and Kindergarten aged Sunday Schoolers? If so, please email nanette@fclc.org with an away-from-home mailing address by September 23. No mailing address—No care-packages.

JUMP INTO A BIBLE STUDY DURING THE WEEK!

Tuesday Women's Bible Study: *Beginning Sept. 18* - **"One Minute After You Die"**
Open a window on eternity. . . heaven and hell. Study Guide, $6.
9:30-11 am | Room 107 | Led by Nanette Goings

Tuesday Evening Men's Bible Study: Growing Pains
7:00 pm | Fireside Room | Led by Michael Irvin

Wednesday Men's Bible Study: Study of the Minor Prophets
7:00-8:00 am | Sunset Room | Led by: Pastor Bruce

Wednesday Evening Mixed Bible Study: *Beginning Sept. 12.* **Fruitful**
Explore the nature of the Holy Spirit.
6:00-7:00 pm | Room 103-104 | Led by Kristy Martinez

Wednesday Evening Lifetree Cafe: *Begins September 12.*
6:00-7:00 pm | Fellowship Hall

Wednesday Evening Men's Bible Study: Acts
7:00-8:00 pm | Room 232 | Led by Ed Broestl

Thursday Morning Men's Bible Study: Isaiah
7:00-8:00 am | Sunset Room | Led by: Pastor Dan

Thursday Women's Bible Study: *Beginning Sept.20* - **"One Minute After You Die"**
Study Guide, $6.
9:30-11 am | Room 107 | Led by Nanette Goings
(Same study as Tuesday, come either morning of the week!)

Thursday Library Women Bible Study: Parables
9:30-11 am | Reading Room | Led by Chris Goble

Thursday Evening Mixed Bible Study: *Beginning Sept.6* - **"One Minute After You Die"**
Study Guides, $6.
6:00-7:00 pm | Room 107 | Led by Nanette Goings

THE DEN

If you are a young professional (ages 24-38) or a young family (25-40, with little kids), ***The Den*** is meant for you! ***The Den*** is a gathering of families and individuals from Faith Community who come together to fellowship around food and conversation, growing closer to God and connecting to other families at Faith in this similar season of life.

On **September 9th** we will be sharing vision and thoughts about creating small groups in our ministry. Small groups are people who come together with shared interest to do life together, growing closer to God and to others. We will have several key leaders sharing about different groups they are starting. This is your opportunity to hear the heart behind this ministry and get signed up and join a life changing and life giving small group.

Join us on Sunday, September 9th from 5:30 - 8:30pm at the home of Peter and Sarah Mertz for some great food, tons of fun and to hear about how you can get connected in one of these great small groups.